

## **WRITING ASSESSMENT**

**Write your final composition here.**

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(e)lebrities

With dirt on his face, the young boy sat close to the old television and watched the celebrity with amazement. The boy asked, "Mom, why does she have so much money just for being in movies, and you ~~work~~ work, but we are still poor?" The mother looked at her son with sadness in her eyes. Situations like this occur every day. lack of education, the power of influence, and morals are three reasons why celebrities should not make more money than they deserve.

Every child has a hero. Every child looks up to that hero. Many celebrities are looked up to and envied by small children. Kids may become so impressed with their celebrity that they believe education is not needed to be famous. Some drop out to move to the "big cities", while some barely graduate high school. I do not believe that celebrities should make an excessive amount of money only to promote the lacking need of education.

In addition, influence is a very powerful thing. People are influenced by someone or something every day. Individuals such as celebrities have the greatest influence on young adults. Adults such as Kid Rock are sometimes not the best people to look up to. However, children are becoming more and more fascinated with "stars" every day. If celebrities are going to be paid a great deal of money, an attempt should at least be made to encourage young adults ~~to~~ in a positive way.

Morals are part of every American's life. They define what is ~~wrong~~ wrong and what is good. ~~and~~ ~~as~~ ~~some~~ ~~others~~  
~~also~~ ~~as~~ ~~others~~ Almost everyone would agree that the hard

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working people should be rewarded more greatly than the not so hard working people. It is not fair that a ~~normal~~ working family can struggle to ~~and~~ survive; whereas, a person of famous nature can be paid only to pose for a picture of half the money that is ~~paid~~ given to celebrities was given to the American families, programs such as welfare would not have to exist. It is a shame that people allow this to happen.

Of all the many ~~has~~ reasons celebrities make more money than they deserve, lack of education, the power of influence, and morals are the three most common. A movie star should not be wealthier than a hard working citizen. It is just not dignified. If Americans would keep that thought in mind, there might be fewer little boys wondering why this world has to be such a cruel place.

### Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The dramatic introduction clearly states the writer's position that celebrities make more money than they deserve. Three key ideas are presented to support this position (lack of education, the power of influence, and morals). The writer coherently develops and illustrates the key ideas. The response is strongly organized and the conclusion is effective. Although there is some syntactic variety and facility in language use, there is also some awkward word usage and sentence construction.



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